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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Richlen, et al. )  
Serial No: 10/032,701 ) Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.  
Filed: December 28, 2001 )  
For: ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING ) Group Art No: 3761  
A WEAKENED REGION )

### REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF DRAWINGS

MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request approval by the Examiner of various drawing amendments. In particular, Applicants have made the lead line for reference number 148 in FIG. 5A solid, added reference number 160 to FIG. 6A, removed one lead line from

reference number 36 in FIG. 16, removed text from FIGS. 17 and 18, made lines from reference numbers 145 in FIG. 3 dashed, made the lines from reference number 51 in FIG. 14 dashed, added lead lines from reference numbers 49 in FIGS. 15 and 16, made lines from reference numbers 14, 16, 36, 38, 74 and 72 (as well as the referenced structures), made the line from reference number 37 in FIG. 16 dashed, and added reference number 70 to FIG. 15. Applicants have further substituted reference number – 42 – for reference number “142” in Figure 1 and have made the lead lines from reference number 167 dashed in Figure 2. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's approval of the above-mentioned drawing amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

- Amendment and Reply to June 28, 2004 Office Action.
- Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a Prior Patent.
- Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §1.136(a))(in duplicate).
- Request for Amendment of Drawings.
- Seven (7) replacement drawing sheets.
- Return Receipt Postcard

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- No additional fee is required.
- Small Entity.
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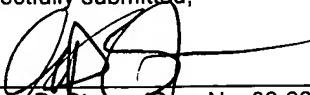
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